

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Koiwai et al.

**Application No.:** 10/001,397

**Confirmation No.:** 1943

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**For:** LENS BARREL HAVING A FLARE  
DIAPHRAGM WHICH CAN ADVANCE INTO  
AND RETREAT FROM THE OPTICAL PATH  
TO ELIMINATE DELETERIOUS LIGHT  
RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF THE  
LENS

**Group:** 2873

**Examiner:** Timothy J. Thompson

**Our File:** IPO-P1132.1

**Date:** December 12, 2007

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2007 and a telephone conversation with Examiner Ed Westin conducted on December 11, 2007.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: